box, making his mark as a hard-nosed player. He called himself the ''policeman of the team,'' remarking that though he was not the highest scorer, he did what he loved: played hockey.

Though he moved on to play elsewhere, Reggie's home was always Chicago. Even after his days ended in the NHL, he continued to do what he loved, returning to our city to play for the World Hockey Association's Chicago Cougars.

After falling ill five years ago, he moved to a rehabilitation facility, where he fought a brave battle against illness and where his son Chris, a noted filmmaker, documented his father's memories of his finest moments. He says that his father's roughness on the ice was not mirrored off it.

Our sympathies go out to Chris, his sister Kelly, and the rest of the Fleming family in this difficult time. Reggie will be long remembered as a hockey player, family man, and true Chicagoan, not only by his family, but by many around Chicago and across America.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmarks I received as part of the FY10 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill:

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, FY10 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction

Project Name: Antelope Creek Flood Damage Reduction Project

Amount: $5,697,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Lower Platte South Natural Resources District located at 3125 Portia Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68521.

Description: The Antelope Creek Flood Damage Reduction Project is a critical element of a flood control, transportation and community revitalization project known as the Antelope Valley Project. The project is being constructed in central Lincoln adjacent to the University of Nebraska Lincoln main campus to improve flood control, transportation networks and community well-being in the city's down-town area.

Essential to progress on the entire Antelope Valley Project is the completion of the flood damage reduction component. This multi-purpose project is a partnership of the City of Lincoln, the University of Nebraska Lincoln, and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, along with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the federal Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development. The project reduces flooding threats to over 800 dwellings and businesses and 1,200 floodplain residents and removes 100-year floodplain restrictions on 400 acres.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, FY10 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction

Project: Sand Creek Environmental Restoration Project

Amount: $500,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Lower Platte North Natural Resources District located at 511 Commercial Park Road, Wahoo, Nebraska 68066.

Description: The Sand Creek Project will restore several types of historic wetlands and add to the national wetlands inventory in support of the Administration's ''net gain'' national wetlands policy. A quantitative analysis of all environmental outputs by the Corps of Engineers in addition to the Feasibility Study demonstrated a significant level of benefits for this wetland restoration project for the Lower Platte River watershed which serves the North American Central Flyway.

The Sand Creek Project supports the national goal of a net gain in American wetlands. Active pursuit of this goal also provides for improvements in water quality and water supply to achieve watershed improvement. Flooding in Wahoo along the U.S. 77 Expressway corridor occurred twice during 2006. Completion of the wetlands restoration structure will also provide flood damage reduction benefits on the roadway allowing completion of this expressway between Lincoln and Sioux City. This is a key segment of the expressway.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, FY10 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction

Project: Western Sarpy-Clear Creek Flood Damage Reduction Project

Amount: $1,000,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District located at 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE 68138.

Description: The Western Sarpy-Clear Creek Flood Damage Reduction Project is vital to the health and well-being of a large number of Nebraskans. It is planned to protect vital drinking water resources that supply up to 50% of Nebraska's population in the eastern part of the state from flooding due to potential ice jams on the Platte River. Elected officials at local, regional and state levels in Nebraska have been long committed to this project's construction because of risk to water supplies and other infrastructure.

Significant construction progress towards completion is vital to Nebraska in the year ahead. The Congress has provided construction funding for the past four years in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act.

In 1993, flooding in the Lower Platte severed one-half of the City of Lincoln's water supply and catastrophe was again threatened in 1997 from ice-jam induced flooding. That portion of the new Omaha Metropolitan Utilities District well field on the western side of the Platte River now under development south of U.S. Highway 92 will also receive vital protection from this project. Treatment facilities for water from this well-field will be completed in the months ahead.

Additionally, this project is needed to provide protection to: I–80 and U.S. Highway 6; the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, an Amtrak line; military facilities the National Guard Camp at Ashland; national telecommunication lines; and other public infrastructure.

Construction of a separate but companion levee at the Nebraska National Guard Camp at Ashland was fully funded by the Congress in the FY '04 Military Construction Appropriations Bill and is completed. Neither of these adjoining levees is effective without the other. Ice jams with the potential for flooding in the area around Camp Ashland and the I–80 Bridge where it crosses the Lower Platte River occurred again as recently as 2001 and will continue to be a significant threat until both of these projects are completed.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, FY10 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Section 205

Project Name: Fremont Section 205 Flood Control Study

Amount: No specific dollar amount

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Lower Platte North Natural Resources District located at 511 Commercial Park Road, Wahoo, Nebraska 68066

Description: This funding is for the federal share to complete the Fremont South Section 205 Flood Control Study. Funding for this Section 205 project will continue urgent feasibility planning to strengthen an existing flood control levee in order to remove a portion of South Fremont from the threat of flooding in the 100 year flood plain. This Fremont South area will be soon identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (''FEMA'') as within the designated flood plain. The total cost of the project is $1,086,000 split equally between the Corps of Engineers and the nonfederal sponsor.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, FY10 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Section 205

Project Name: Schuyler Section 205 Flood Control Study

Amount: No specific dollar amount

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Lower Platte North Natural Resources District located at 511 Commercial Park Road, Wahoo, Nebraska 68066

Description: This funding under the Section 205 authority is for the federal share to continue the Schuyler, Nebraska Flood Control Study. The amount requested will continue the Schuyler, Nebraska 205 Flood Control Study. The purpose of the study is to plan for mitigation of flooding in 40% of the city which is anticipated to be placed in the flood plain for the first time when designated by FEMA. The total cost of the study is $772,000 split equally between the Corps of Engineers and the nonfederal sponsor.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, FY10 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable—Energy

Project Name: Sustainable Energy Options for Rural America

Amount: $500,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: University of Nebraska-Lincoln located at 302 Canfield Administration Building, Lincoln, Nebraska 68588

Description: This funding would be used to research the most effective sustainable energy options for rural Nebraska and to establish

demonstration sites which will include the UNL Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Scottsbluff, the West Central Water Resources Field Lab near North Platte, the Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory near Whitman, and two sites in eastern Nebraska. Alternative energy technologies to be considered include wind, solar, anaerobic digestion (methane generation), gasification, direct burning of biomass, fuel cells, diesel engines converted to high compression ethanol engines, hybrid vehicles, and flex-fueled engines. Fuels to be considered include gasoline, diesel fuel, ethanol, biodiesel, dimethyl ether, butanol, and syngas. Energy independence is one of our highest national priorities. This project addresses the need to pursue development of diverse, sustainable alternative energy sources.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, FY10 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Project Name: Switchgrass Biofuel Research: Carbon Sequestration and Life Cycle Analysis

Amount: $250,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: University of Nebraska-Lincoln located at 302 Canfield Administration Building, Lincoln, Nebraska 68588

Description: The funding would be used to establish a production-scale switchgrass carbon sequestration and life cycle analysis research program. Research will focus on optimizing switchgrass production for use as a biofuel and developing improved life cycle analysis tools to determine greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for federal compliance certification of refineries processing switchgrass into ethnaol.

In the Midwest, switchgrass appears to be the most viable cellulosic feedstock for biofuels because it is a highly productive native grass species. The 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) requires that switchgrass biofuel systems meet a threshold reduction in GHG emissions of 60% compared to gasoline, and the Environmental Protection Agency will establish regulations based on the best available science. Initial life cycle analyses suggest switchgrass systems will only meet EISA thresholds if they sequester a substantial amount of carbon in soil. This analysis could be altered if switchgrass producers increase inputs (water, fertilizer, etc). Quantifying switchgrass carbon sequestration under varying input requirements is vital to developing this source of cellulosic ethanol.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ROBERT MILTON HOPE, SR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the state of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Robert Milton Hope, Sr. was a native of Mobile and a 1942 graduate of Murphy High School. Following graduation, he joined the Merchant Marines and served in the Pacific on a cargo ship during World War II. After the war ended, Mr. Hope attended the University of Alabama and earned a degree in business administration. He then went on to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

In 1952, Mr. Hope began working for the Alabama State Docks and dedicated almost four decades to the port of Mobile. He served in management positions at various Alabama State Docks facilities. He was appointed docks director for three terms under Alabama Governors George C. Wallace, Fob James, and Wallace again from 1976 until 1987. During his tenure, he oversaw the development of the McDuffie Coal Terminal.

In 1986, the Alabama State Docks honored Mr. Hope by dedicating the overpass that takes traffic over a set of railroad tracks into the docks' property as Hope Overpass. Following his retirement from the state docks, he served as a consultant for Volkert & Associates for several years before he retired.

In 1984, Mr. Hope was one of two U.S. participants invited to present a paper at the International Association of Ports and Harbors in Hamburg, Germany. In 1986, he received a White House appointment as a U.S. Representative to the Coal Industry Advisory Board of the International Energy Agency. He also served as president of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce in 1982 and 1983 and as president of the Gulf Ports Association. He served on the Alabama-Mississippi District Export Council and on the board of directors of the National Waterways Conference Inc.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout the state of Alabama. Mr. Robert Milton Hope, Sr. will be deeply missed by his family—his wife of 57 years, Tee Hope; his daughter, Page Hope Sute; his sons, Robert Milton Hope, Jr. and Gregg Hope; and his five grandchildren—as well as his many friends.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the U.S. House of Representatives Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding two earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

The Richland Hills, Texas Flood Control Project. Big Fossil Creek Watershed Study, Project Management Plan of the Upper Trinity River Feasibility Study. Richland Hills, Texas—$500,000—Investigations.

The purpose of this project is to review the numerous flooding, drainage, erosion and sedimentation problems that exist within the City of Richland Hills, TX, and formulate specific alternatives to address and remedy these, and related water-resources problems. The Corps of Engineers published initial findings and baseline conditions in August 2007. The Richland Hills project would be prepared within the context of the referenced Corps of Engineers/North Central Texas Council of Governments Big Fossil Creek Watershed Study and Upper Trinity River Feasibility Study, to include the impacts from upstream watershed development and erosion. The purpose of this project is to reduce the flooding potential for the 361 properties in the City of Richland Hills that are within the FEMA-designated 100-year floodplain; reduce sedimentation, enhance the environment and potential recreational benefits to the area, and reduce potential loss of life from floods. The total project cost is projected to be $1,500,000. The City of Richland Hills and eight other communities have committed additional funds.

The City of Richland Hills is located at 3200 Diana Drive, Richland Hills, TX 76118.

Center for Advanced Scientific Modeling (CASCaM)—$700,000—University of North Texas.

The funds will be used for computing and modeling to conduct and predict advanced scientific laboratory outcomes at reduced cost and increased safety. CASCaM uses computing and modeling to conduct and predict advanced scientific laboratory outcomes at reduced cost (chemicals, time) and increased safety (reduces need to expose workers to toxic chemicals, radioactive materials). This scientific computing allows determination of the probability of whether or not two chemicals will explode, become a viable pharmaceutical, the next new nanomaterial, or tomorrow's new alternate fuel source.

University of North Texas is located at Hurley Administration Building 175, Denton, TX 76203–0979.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL SHUSTER (PA–9)

Bill Number: H.R. 3170—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, FY2010

Financial Services and General Government Projects

Project Name: For the I–99 Entrepreneurial Institute

Account: Small Business Administration (SBA), Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 3900 Industrial Park Drive, Altoona, PA 16602

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: $100,000 for the I–99 Entrepreneurial Institute

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used for the I–99 Entrepreneurial Institute. The I–99 Entrepreneurial Institute is a partnership program between Pennsylvania State University—Altoona and the Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation. The Institute serves as a formal bridge linking entrepreneurial learning and academic research with real-world business applications and experiences. Funding for this project would enhance programs and opportunities already in place to foster economic development and support startups and the expansion of small businesses. This project is